(c) the details of the allocation of funds and expenditure incurred on these three National Highways during the last three years and till date; and

(d) the time by when four laning of these National Highways is likely to be completed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI K. H. MUNIYAPPA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d) The details of progress made on NH-5, NH-7 and a part of NH-9 handed over to the NHAI for four laning are as under:

NH No.	Total length handed over to NHAI (km.)	Four laning Completed (Kms.)	likely completion date
NH-5	1016.00	973.00	December, 2005
NH-7	762.00	39.00	December, 2007
NH-9	48.00	48.00	Already completed.

During the last three years, an expenditure of Rs. 3400.33 crore has been incurred on the above three National Highways.

Roads in Jammu and Kashmir

4625. SHRI T.S. BAJWA: Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state.

(a) whether Government have decided to accord higher priority to road development in Jammu and Kashmir with the upgradation of several historic links such as Mughal Road; and

(b) if so, the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI K. H. MUNIYAPPA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) This Ministry is primarily responsible for development and maintenance of National Highways only. However, Hon'ble Prime Minister has announced plan for reconstruction of roads in J&K comprising

improvements to existing national highways and special assistance under State Plan for improvement of state roads. The details of reconstruction plan in as under:—

S. No.	Name of Road	Estimated Amount (Rs. in crores)
1	Upgradation of Srinagar-Uri Section of NH-1A	121.00
2.	Double laning of NH-1B (Batote-Kishtwar-Sinthanpass Khanabal)	100.00
3	Double laning of NH-1C (Domel-Katra road)	30.00
4.	Construction of Mughal Road (State & Centre to share cost equally)	159.00
5.	Construction of Khanabe-Khalgani Road	25.00
6.	Construction of Narbal-Targmarg Road	38.00

Steps to reduce road accidents

4626. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT: Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the World Health Organisation (WHO) has predicted that road accidents would be the third largest killer worldwide by 2020 and that most of the deaths would be in developing countries like India;

(b) if so, the details thereof with particular reference to speed and visibility, and

(c) the steps being taken to reduce incidence of road accidents in coming years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI K. H. MUNIYAPPA): (a) World Report on Road Traffic Injury Prevention of WHO, has *inter-alia*, projected that on current trends, by 2020, road crash injury is likely to be the third leading cause of disease/injury. The report also mentions that between 2000 and 2020, South Asia would record the largest growth in road traffic death.